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RE: Taking Organic Labels off non-food items (The Olympian, business section, June 2, 2005)

Dear Mr. Mathews,

I'm extremely disappointed to read that USDA is taking organic labels off cosmetics, cotton clothing and dietary supplements.

My husband is one of the 6% of Americans with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities, most likely brought on by pesticide exposure in his mother's womb and long term low level exposure to toxic chemicals throughout his adult life. He can't wear non-organic clothing (50% of all pesticides used world wide are used on cotton), can't sleep in non-organic sheets, can't dry off without non-organic towels, can't use "normal" soaps, shampoos, lotions, household cleaners, is utterly dependent on dietary supplements with organic ingredients. He has atrocious symptoms; anaphylactic shock, vomiting, brain fog, digestive problems, insomnia, to name a few. Most of the time he can't leave the house because of car exhaust and people wearing perfume and other artificial fragrances. His life is hell and you just made it a little worse.

Please advise me how I will obtain "clean" supplements, clothing and personal care products from now on?

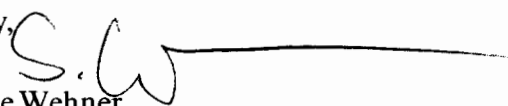
Your spokesperson Ms. Robinson implies (according to The Olympian, June 2, 2005) that certifying non-food items has simply gotten a little out of hand and has gotten too much work.

Doesn't that prove to you that the people want and need these products?

Please reconsider your decision. We need to be able to choose what we wear and put on our skin as much as we need to be able to choose what we eat. At least as long as we aren't allowed to choose what we breathe.

Thank you for your time. I would appreciate a response.

Sincerely,


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